



OTONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura o Tihitonga

"To build sound foundations for our children's future"

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Term 4 Diary

(Please refer weekly as dates may change)



11 Dec	Rainbow Fairy Springs Visit - Rm's 5 & 7
12 Dec	Rainbow Fairy Springs Visit - Rm's 6 & 8
13 Dec	End of Year Achievement Assembly 1pm
14 Dec	Reports go home Yr 1 Wheels Day Yr 2 Trip to Amaze Me Yr 3/4 Trip to the Blue Lake Yr 5/6 Movie Day
18 Dec	Leadership Assembly 11am
19 Dec	Meet the Teacher
20 Dec	Last Day - School Finishes at 12noon

Term Dates 2018

Term 4: Mon 15th October – Thurs 20th December

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: Wed 30th January – Fri 12th April
(Easter 19th – 21st April)

Term 2: Mon 29th April - Fri 5th July

Term 3: Mon 22nd July - Fri 27th September

Term 4: Mon 14th October – TBC



2018 ACTIVITY FEES

End of year trips are happening this term. If you would like your child to attend these please ensure your activity fee is paid beforehand.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, PARENT PORTAL, REPORTS

The children were delighted to share their work with you on Friday and the teachers were proud of the children's achievements and their ability to communicate their learning with you. We know that you would have seen the progress your child has made over the year and appreciated his/her hard work.

The next part of the process is to check the parent portal to see where your child is in relation to the curriculum levels. **The portal is open for two weeks.** You can access your child's information by clicking on the link you were sent in your email on Monday. Please contact the school if you have any difficulties.

On Friday 15th December your child will bring their written report home. The report is a brief summative statement in Reading, Writing, Maths and a general comment to sum up his/her year at school.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK:

Murals around School



Your child probably showed you the delightful collaborative murals made by them and their classmates at the Student Led Conferences. Take some time over the holidays to wander around the school to look at all the new murals made by all the classes. They are absolutely wonderful. See if you can find them all. There are 9 in total.



Fill the Bus

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to this worthy cause. At this time of the year it is important that our students learn how to give as well as how to receive graciously.



Building Update

- The paving around the Library has finally been completed and we are pleased to have the access way reopened. The seats along Rooms 5-8 have been installed and the paving is almost complete.
- Work on the old Dental clinic continues and we look forward to using this flexible space. It has a green screen area for filming as well as a great area to teach smaller groups and a lovely outlook and entrance to the musical garden.
- Room 21 and 22 are being carpeted over the holidays.
- Work on the Hall and the STEAM lab in Rm 15 and on the Resource room is due to start in January. With that comes the need for storage of resources. We have a container arriving this week, which will be situated on Jackson Park behind the Admin Block. We will be moving things into this over the next two weeks.



SUPERSTARS AT ARABIC CLASS

Celebrating achievements outside of school.

Amin Pishravi – received the Star Student award. Amin is doing his work to a very high level and he is using his Otonga School values at his Arabic Classes. **Yassin Ahmed Ismael** – most improved in the class. He's persevered and worked hard for one whole year. **Yasin Pishravi** - is such a bright student and has already started his learning journey with a bang! He can write his name and a few alphabets in Arabic. Congratulations boys – Well done!



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE NEWS:

Annual Stocktake Update

Thank you everyone for the great response to return Library books. Today we have 31 books outstanding that have not been returned from children. There is an amnesty in place so please check at home for any school Library books or Readers that may be lying around. We would love to see them back at school before the end of the Term! If books have not been returned by the end of this week invoices will be issued for reimbursement costs and this will show on your school account.

Thank you everyone for your support.



Summer Reading Challenge

Did you know that if a child stops reading over the summer break, it is common for their reading to slide. Children can lose as much as **six months** of reading gains over the summer holidays! So, that means that for at least the first term, that child may only be catching up on where they were at the end of the previous year. This summer holiday we are encouraging all of our children to *read, read, read!* Next week children will receive a pack designed to keep them reading even though they're not at school. They can win fabulous prizes after the holidays, so keep an eye out for the Summer Reading Pack.



More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

Mrs Pauline Atkinson, Library Manager

OTONGA SPORTS:

We would like to thank and recognise all coaches, assistant coaches and parent help with all our sports teams this year. We really appreciate your time, dedication and effort. Thank You! Please could any outstanding sports bags, equipment and shirts be returned to the office ASAP.

Neil Carrington & Craig Walden, Sports Coordinators

Cricket

Well done to all our cricketers who played this season. Thank you to all the coaches who took time out of their day to teach our young children. Can all trophies please be returned before the end of the year – Thursday 20th December.

Flippa Ball

Well done to all the Sharks and Dolphins Flippa Ball players for a great season. Well done to the Sharks who finished first in their division. Thank you to all the coaches and parents who helped out with the teams. Words from the coach. The Sharks had an awesome season and their final game was absolutely amazing! They played like pros and worked together so well, probably the best team work I've seen in a team in a long time.



LOST PROPERTY

Pictured below are all the items that were in our lost property shed last Friday. If your child has lost an item of clothing this term, please check the lost property shed before the end of term.



SCHOOL LUNCHES via LUNCHONLINE

The last days for school lunches this term are as follows:

- **FRIDAY 14th December = Pita Pit**



- **MONDAY 17th December = St Andrews Bakery**



Remember you can order at www.lunchonline.co.nz anytime during the week and up until 9am on the day of delivery.

Pita Pit - Term 4 Holiday Package Draw:

This Friday is the last chance to be in the draw to win our Holiday Package Prize.

The prize will consist of: A brand new child's bike to the value of \$500, VIP Package from Ogo Rotorua which includes 4 rides, an Ogo Tee Shirt and Photos valued at \$160, a Family Share 10 Activity Pass from Velocity Valley valued at \$249, 2 Family passes for the Polynesian Spa valued at \$132, 10 Reading Cinema Movie passes valued at \$100, Pita Pit Vouchers to the Value of \$100, and a Pita Pit Touch Rugby Ball.

The draw closes on **Friday 14th December** - the winner will be contacted by Pita Pit on Monday 17th December.



KINDO - PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE 24/7

* NOTICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does NOT use Kindo for school payments, you will need to CLOSE your account. If you're not sure if the new school uses Kindo - Log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. If your new school is NOT on the list, you WILL need to CLOSE your account. You can do this by sending an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account.



This request will need to:

1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance (or ask for it to be forwarded to the school)

Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February.

If you have any questions, go to support.mykindo.co.nz or email hello@mykindo.co.nz or call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

BOT Elections will be held next year. If you are interested in standing as a Parent Representative in the 2019 Board of Trustee Elections, please contact Antonia Magness our Returning Officer at amagness@otonga.school.nz

2019 BRING YOUR MANAGED CHROMEBOOK

Otonga School is moving towards students bringing their own managed Chromebooks. Next year is a transition time when we are strongly encouraging Year 4 & 5 students to bring a Chromebook. However, Year 3 & 6 students are also welcome to join this initiative. For more information please click on the [information flyer](#).



2019 CAMP - ADVANCED NOTICE

Year 5 & 6 Camp is currently being organised for next year. The camp will be at Tui Ridge Park in Term 2 next year and will be for two nights between 20th - 29th May. Exact dates for each class will be confirmed closer to the time – please watch this space!

The *approximate* cost of the camp is likely to be \$160 but we will verify this in the New Year. If you would like to set up an automatic payment to reduce the cost for next year, please contact the Office.

2019 COHORT ENTRY DATES

For each New Entrant (5yr old) cohort:

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| Term 1: | 30th Jan or 11th March |
| Term 2: | 29 th April or 4 th June |
| Term 3: | 22 nd July or 26 th August |
| Term 4: | 14 th October or 18 th November |



2019 NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who is IN ZONE and turning 5 in 2019 could you please let us know as soon as possible. We need to know numbers well in advance of their start date in order to plan for staffing and resources etc. Please get their enrolment forms in as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the school office.

2019 STATIONERY

From **Thursday 20th December** stationery for next year can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz, in-store at OfficeMax on Fenton Street or by phone 0800 724 440. Every purchase from OfficeMax earns School Rewards, so if you purchase in-store or via phone, please remember to mention that your child attends Otonga Road Primary School.

[Click here](#) to view the OfficeMax – Back to School flyer.

Community Events, Notices & Services

END OF YEAR School Holiday Programmes

Please find below links to some of the December 2018/January 2019 School Holiday Programmes available to you.

Adventure – Active Outdoor Educational Holiday Programmes:

Book at www.edventure.co.nz or email mark@edventure.co.nz

Grace Stables Holiday Camp:

Ph 0278641339 (Cindy) or visit us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Stables-1560374864222588/>

International Culinary Studio – Junior Chef Programme:

Visit <https://www.internationalculinarystudio.com/junior-chef-programme/> or email tracy@internationalculinarystudio.com

Lakes Performing Arts Studio:

Ph 0212568345, email: rebecca@lakesperformingarts.com or visit www.lakesperformingartscompany.com

Mid-Island Gym Sports (MIGS):

Ph 349 3108, email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz or visit www.facebook.com/MIGSRotorua/

O'Neill Surf Academy New Zealand – Mt Maunganui:

Email surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz or visit www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Playtopia:

Ph 350 1341 or visit www.playtopia.co.nz

Safe Kids in Daily Supervision (Skids) – Rotokawa

Email: rotokawa@skids.co.nz or visit <http://www.skids.co.nz/locations/rotokawa/>

The Arts Village:

Visit www.artsvillage.org.nz/shp or Facebook www.facebook.com/RotoruaArtsVillage

The Rotorua Public Library:

Visit <http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/what-we-offer/children/Pages/default.aspx>

Totara Springs:

Ph Jen (07) 888 4700 ext 217, email: jen.burt@totarasprings.org.nz or visit www.totarasprings.org.nz

